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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NIO Activities During Your Absence

1. Since 1 November, under the NIO system, three significant papers have been turned out:

a. SNIE 11/30-73 -- Soviet Military Options in the Middle East. This was laid on at the USIB meeting on 1 November and was given to Henry Kissinger prior to his departure. It was not formally chopped by the USIB members but was coordinated by their representatives.

b. A Memorandum to Holders of the recent South Vietnam estimate NIE 53/14.3-73. This assessed the impact of Middle Eastern developments on the judgments made in that estimate and ran up a clear warning flag about the risk of opportunistic adventurism on the part of the Hanoi Politburo.

c. A draft estimate on "Whither Cambodia" (SNIE 57-1-73). At the Director's request, this draft was cabled to Henry in time to reach him in Islamabad prior to his departure for Peking. (Incidentally, he was also cabled the above-mentioned Memorandum to Holders of the Vietnam estimate.)

2. The Director has also levied a major project which is being carried out under [redacted] aegis with participation from all hands. This will be a comprehensive package surveying the ripple impact -- political as well as economic -- of the continuing oil embargo on Western Europe, the United States and other key places such as Japan. One part of the package will be a hard look at

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action options open to the United States (including some fairly extreme ones) with an assessment of their probable consequences.

3. We continue to be busy on organizational details and personnel selection.

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elegant lunch. We will be sure that [redacted] has copies of all of the above documents and I will fill you in further on atmospherics at your convenience.

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Executive Secretary

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